

CINCINNATI POLICE DEPARTMENT



STAFF NOTES

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief
June 10, 2003

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1. REDS ROOKIE SUCCESS LEAGUE

The Cincinnati Reds have joined with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Tri-Health, and Cincinnati's Police and Fire Departments to offer a non-competitive co-ed baseball league for inner-city children. Reds Rookie Success League (RRSL) gives eight and nine-year-old children the opportunity to participate in a sports program that also provides mentoring for social and educational development and character enhancement. RRSL supplies all necessary equipment, transportation and instruction - including participation of Reds' coaches and players.

Reds Rookie Success League is modeled after San Francisco's Junior Giants, which for eight years has helped children to build their character on the four pillars of teamwork, leadership, confidence and integrity.

RRSL's six-week program begins July 8. Practice sessions are Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Games will be played at Schmidt Field on Eastern Avenue on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to noon. There are two pre-season coaches' clinics: Saturday June 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Great American Ball Park, and Saturday June 28 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Lincoln Recreation Center, 1027 Linn Street.

There are still some openings for volunteer coaches to work with Reds Rookie Success League teams. Any member of the Police Department who wishes to volunteer should contact Lieutenant Kurt D. Byrd at the Public Information Office.

2. COURT ATTENDANCE BY FIELD TRAINING OFFICER AND PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER

A Probationary Police Officer's (PPO) court appearances with their Field Training Officer (FTO) will be limited to cases related to on-duty arrests. A PPO will not accompany an FTO on a court appearance related to an arrest the FTO made while working an extension of police services detail.

3. IMPAIRED DRIVER AND FATAL CRASH STATISTICS

An analysis of fatal crashes as of May 31, 2003 reveals that there has been a 58.9% reduction in fatal crashes in 2003 as compared to the same period in 2002. This reduction can be attributed to the diligence that officers have shown in enforcement of traffic regulations. Impaired driver enforcement is 22.7% higher in 2003 and the overall increase in hazardous moving violations is 35.8%.

The increased emphasis officers have shown in traffic enforcement is commendable and shows an enhanced concern for the safety of our citizens.

4. COURT HOLIDAY

On Friday, July 4, 2003, the Hamilton County Municipal Court will observe the Independence Day Holiday. All courts will be closed. Police officers are reminded not to issue citations requiring a court appearance on this date.

5. COMPUTER TRAINING REQUESTS

The Police Academy will be conducting additional in-house computer training at the Spinney Field Complex in July. Classes will be held from 0800-1600 each day in the Academy's computer lab. Listed below is the current course schedule for that month. Interested personnel should:

1. Prepare a Form 17 addressed to Mr. Theodore J. Schoch, Police Academy Director. In the form, include:
 - your name, rank/title, assignment, email address(i.e. FirstName.LastName@cincinnati-oh.gov), and daytime phone;
 - the title and date of the course being requested;
 - a brief statement of how the training will help you perform your duties.
2. Submit the form through the chain of command to the Police Academy by June 27, 2003.

Upon receipt of all training requests, the Police Academy will send confirmations with training dates and times to all individuals approved for training. Questions may be directed to Police Officer James Weithofer.

Date	Class
07/15/03	Word Introduction
07/17/03	Word Introduction
07/29/03	Excel Introduction
07/31/03	Excel Introduction

6. CHARACTER COMMITTEE OPEN HOUSE

The Cincinnati Police Department Character Committee is hosting an open house on Monday, June 16, 2003, from 1200 hours to 1500 hours in the Physical Training room at the Cincinnati Police Academy.

Mr. Anthony Munoz, a member of the Football Hall of Fame and the Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Character Council will appear at the open house. The Committee plans on having light refreshments and providing information on character awareness.

Attendance is strictly voluntary. No compensation will be given for off-duty attendance. On-duty personnel who wish to attend must have their supervisor's approval.

Any questions may be directed to Sergeant Steve Saunders.

7. AFSCME LABOR AGREEMENT CLARIFICATION FOR SICK WITH PAY FAMILY LEAVE (SWP-F)

In the past, there have been several conflicting interpretations of the SWP-F section of the AFSCME LABOR-MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT. The intent of this staff note is to clarify the proper interpretation.

This section reads in part "Illness of Family member - One (1) working day to care for and make arrangements for a sick or injured member of the immediate family. If additional time is needed it shall be granted by the immediate supervisor provided the employee submits written verification by the treating physician regarding the nature of the illness and the length of time off to care for a sick member of the immediate family."

Therefore, when an AFSCME employee requests additional sick time (SWP-F) beyond the initial one day to care for a sick or injured member of their immediate family, that request must be honored regardless of the amount of time requested. However, it is important to note that the employee must submit the proper documentation, i.e. a physician's statement, to support their request. If the illness qualifies under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), then the proper documentation will be on the WH-380. The only family members that qualify for FMLA designated time are spouses, mother, father and children.

8. FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE

On May 21, 2003, Cincinnati City Council passed an amendment to the False Alarm Ordinance, Chapter 807. [Attached](#) is a copy of the amended ordinance. The changes require mandatory registration of all alarm businesses and alarm users. It significantly increases the fines for the activation of false alarms beginning with \$50.00 for the third occurrence to \$800.00 for the eleventh and subsequent false alarms. The False Alarm Reduction Unit has been expanded in the Fiscal and Budget Section to administer the amended ordinance.

9. THANK YOU LETTERS

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes are several thank you letters written to the Police Chief for the professionalism displayed by numerous officers in our Department.

MODIFYING the provisions of Chapter 807, Alarms, of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by creating Section 807-1-A4, Alarm Registration; and amending existing Sections 807-1-F, False Alarms; 807-11, Administrative Fees for Multiple False Alarms and 807-15, Appeals.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 807-1-A4, Alarm Registration, be created to read as follows:

(1) Alarm Business Registration.

- a. All Alarm Businesses, as defined in 807-1-A of this section, are required to register with the False Alarm Reduction Unit of the Cincinnati Police Department. A registration fee of \$250 will be imposed annually and registration is valid for one year from the date of registration.
- b. At the time of initial registration, Alarm Businesses will be required to provide a listing of current Alarm Systems within the City jurisdiction, including the Alarm User's name, mailing address, alarm location, and date of activation.
- c. Alarm Businesses will subsequently be required to notify the False Alarm Reduction Unit of any new Alarm System installations within forty-five (45) days of activation, including the Alarm User's name, mailing address, alarm location, and date of activation.
- d. The False Alarm Reduction Unit will notify the Alarm Business of the Alarm User Registration Number as assigned by the Cincinnati Police Department. All Alarm Businesses will be required to use the Alarm Users registration number, in addition to the address, when requesting a police response to an alarm.
- e. A \$1000 civil penalty will be imposed (1) for each request for a police response related to an Alarm System operated by an unregistered Alarm Business; or (2) for each request by an Alarm User for registration of an Alarm System installed by an unregistered Alarm Business.
- f. Any Alarm Business with sustained operation within the City jurisdiction and a prior registration that was not renewed within ninety (90) days of the expiration of the registration period will be considered unregistered for the purposes of imposing civil penalties. The effective date of any subsequent renewal will be retroactive to the expiration date of the prior registration.

g. Upon failure to provide notification of a new Alarm System installation within forty-five (45) days of activation, a \$50 civil penalty will be imposed, per offense, upon the Alarm Business. Upon failure to provide required listing of Alarm Systems at the time of initial registration, a monthly civil penalty of \$1000 will be imposed upon the Alarm Business. For each failure of the Alarm Business to provide the alarm registration number of any registered Alarm User when requesting a police response, a \$25 civil penalty will be imposed.

(2) Alarm User Registration.

a. All Alarm Systems within the City of Cincinnati must be registered with the False Alarm Reduction Unit of the Cincinnati Police Department. New Alarm Users must register with the False Alarm Reduction Unit before the Alarm System is activated.

b. Residential Alarm Users will be charged a non-refundable, non-transferable, user and location specific biennial fee of \$50. Residential Alarm User registration is valid for two years from the date of registration and must identify the Alarm System location and the Alarm User.

c. Non-residential Alarm Users will be charged a non-refundable, non-transferable, user and location specific biennial fee of \$100. Non-residential Alarm User registration is valid for two years from the date of registration and must identify the Alarm System location and the Alarm User.

d. A \$100 civil penalty will be imposed on any Alarm User for using an unregistered Alarm System. The penalty may be waived if the Alarm User completes registration within fifteen (15) days of the first notice of violation. Registration will be retroactive to January 1 of the current year, effective date of this ordinance or installation of the Alarm System, whichever is later.

e. Any active Alarm System with a prior registration that was not renewed upon expiration of the prior registration will be considered unregistered for the purposes of imposing civil penalties. Effective date of any subsequent renewal will be retroactive to the expiration date of the prior registration.

Section 2. That existing Section 807-1-F of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“False alarm” shall mean any alarm activation or signal that alerts a government organization which is not the result of an actual or threatened emergency requiring their immediate response. False alarms include negligently or accidentally activated alarms or signals; alarms or signals which are the result of faulty, malfunctioning, or improperly installed or maintained equipment; and signals which are purposely activated to summon police or emergency services in non-emergency situations. An alarm caused by an act of God, not inclusive of ****1**** thunderstorms or lightning ****2****, shall not be considered a false alarm. Multiple occurrences due to equipment malfunction within a 24-hour period of activity constituting false alarms may be considered one false alarm for the purposes of this chapter.

Section 3. That existing Section 807-11 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Alarm users shall be responsible for multiple false alarms sent by alarm systems on premises under their control.

False alarm fees shall be imposed based on the number of false alarms sent by one Alarm System within a one-year period beginning with the first false alarm. A thirty (30) day grace period following the installation of a new Alarm System, beginning on the activation date provided by the registered Alarm Business installing the Alarm System, will be given during which no alarms will be counted as false alarms for the purposes of imposing fees.

The city manager shall impose on alarm users an administrative fee, based on costs of administration and police response to false alarms, as follows:

(1) On the first **3** and second false alarms within a registration period, no fee will be imposed; however, **4** False Alarm Reduction Unit shall send a written warning notice to the alarm user advising of the number of false alarms recorded for that alarm system to date and the schedule of fees for multiple false alarms.

(2) **5** On the third false alarm within a registration period, a fee of \$50 shall be imposed. However, such fee may be waived if the Alarm User agrees to attend an educational class given by the Police Department.

(3) **6** On the fourth false alarm within a registration period, a fee of \$75 shall be imposed.

(4) **7** On the fifth false alarm within a registration period, a fee of \$100 shall be imposed.

(5) **8** On the sixth false alarm within a registration period, a fee of \$150 shall be imposed.

(6) **9** On the seventh false alarm within a registration period, a fee of \$200 shall be imposed.

(7) On the eighth false alarm within a registration period, a fee of \$300 shall be imposed.

(8) On the ninth false alarm within a registration period, a fee of \$400 shall be imposed.

(9) On the tenth false alarm within a registration period, a fee of \$500 shall be imposed.

(10) For each false alarm after the tenth false alarm within a registration period, a fee of \$800 shall be imposed.

(11) Beginning with the second false alarm on an unregistered Alarm System, all subsequent false alarms will be billed at the maximum rate of \$800.

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No fee shall be imposed until 30 days after written notification ****11**** that a false alarm has been recorded against the alarm system ****12**** has been sent to the alarm user at the registration mailing address, or if unregistered, at the address of the Alarm Site.

Section 4. That existing Section 807-15 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(1) Any alarm user may appeal determination by the city manager that an alarm activation is a false alarm within 30 days after notification is sent by the city that a false alarm has been recorded against the alarm system. Appeal procedures shall be set forth in rules and regulations established by the city manager.

(2) Any appeal must be made in writing and directed to the False Alarm Reduction Unit Commander. A written notification of determination will be sent within thirty (30) days of receipt of appeal. No change in the False Alarm status may be made without going through the written appeal process.

(3) An administrative fee of \$25 will be charged for the appeal process. The fee must be received with the written appeal request. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

(4) If unsatisfied by the determination issued by the False Alarm Reduction Unit Commander, the Alarm User may request that an Administrative Hearing be conducted by a hearing examiner outside of the Police Department. There will be no additional fee for this process. The hearing examiner will issue a written determination.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2003

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

New wording underscored. Language which has been deleted is indicated by asterisks as follows:

****1**** Including but not limited to

****2**** and earthquakes

****3**** through fifth

****4**** on the third false alarm during a calendar year, the city manager

****5**** On the sixth false alarm, a fee of \$25 shall be imposed.

****6**** On the seventh false alarm, a fee of \$50 shall be imposed.

****7**** On the eighth false alarm, a fee of \$100 shall be imposed.

****8**** On the ninth false alarm, a fee of \$200 shall be imposed.

****9**** On the tenth through fourteenth false alarm, inclusive, a fee of \$300 for each such false alarm shall be imposed.

****10**** The fees imposed shall be based on the number of false alarms sent by one alarm system within any calendar year.

****11**** has been sent to the alarm user, at the address of the alarm site,

****12**** .

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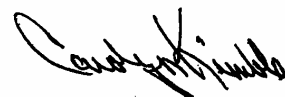
May 21, 2003

Dear Chief Streicher:

Job well done. I would like to thank you for allowing us to utilize your service as part of our 2003 Senior Prom this year. The staff of Withrow High School would like to extend and commend Officer Rose Chatman for such an excellent job at our school functions. Because of her professional training and great communication skills our students demonstrated their best behavior. I personally again would like to thank you for making my job at ease and for allowing us to use one of your best.

We look forward to working with you again for our Senior Prom 2204.

Sincerely,



*Carolyn Kimble
Sigma Gamma,
Dux Femmina
Advisor*



May 29, 2003

Dear Chief Streicher,

St. Mary School and our Junior High Science students, in particular, are very grateful for the lesson on forensics presented by Senior Criminalist William Caesar, Specialist Pat Moran and Sergeant Rudy Gruenke earlier this month.

Their explanation of the history of investigative techniques and demonstrations on viewing, lifting and identifying fingerprints certainly piqued the students' interest. Officers Caesar and Moran provided a tremendous learning experience for our students – showing them how what they learn in the classroom can be used in the "real" world. Their accounts of real cases were impressive and gave the students a greater appreciation for police work.

Thank you for making it possible for these officers to take the time with our students.

Yours truly,

Shannon F. Celarek
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May 27, 2003

Lt. Larry Powell
Cincinnati Police Department

Dear Lt. Powell:

Thank you for your generous contributions to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful's Great American Cleanup. The event was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without you!

On April 26, thousands of volunteers in 86 communities gave their time and energy to pick up 342,200 pounds of trash and 4,172 illegally dumped tires. They also planted over 700 bushes, shrubs and trees. Groups will be working throughout the spring and summer to clean and beautify our hometown, so these numbers will certainly grow!

All of this would not be possible if not for the generous support of partners like you! Once again, thank you for supporting the Great American Cleanup!

Sincerely yours,



Linda Holterhoff
Executive Director



Kerry Crossen
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Helen C. Hinckley
Chair Emeritus

Linda Holterhoff
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May 27, 2003

Captain Paul Humphries
Cincinnati Police Department
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45210

Dear Paul:

Thank you for making time to give a presentation on Incident Command to the Water Works' senior staff this week. This is an extremely important subject and your knowledge and expertise is a very valuable resource, not only to the Police Department, but also to the City as a whole.

The information you provided was very useful and should help us frame effective incident response procedures.

Thanks again for your help and commitment.

Sincerely,



David E. Rager
Director

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June 2, 2003

Col Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.
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Via Fax # 513.352.2949

Chief Thomas Schonecker
Covington Police Department
Via Fax # 859.292.0333

Subject: *Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) Religious Ministry to Cincinnati, OH & Covington, KY*

Gentlemen:

On behalf of myself and members of WBC, please accept our thanks for the effective and professional services your departments provided while members of WBC were in your cities last month to engage in public demonstrations/street preaching focusing on issues of righteousness, heaven, hell and eternity, and specifically moral decay and homosexuality and what the Bible says about these matters. Members of WBC engage in this activity because of our love of God and for our fellow man, and out of a sincere concern for the collective soul of our nation. We are convinced that the preaching of a pure uncompromising gospel is the only hope for our country. We greatly appreciate the fact that our loved ones returned from your city safely.

Without people such as yourselves, and members of your departments (specifically Lt. Greer, Lt. Stuart Koeppel & Officer Dennis Zucker [Cincinnati Police Department]) that appear dedicated to the proposition that 1st Amendment rights are precious, and those rights are what set us apart from the rest of the world, our Constitution would not be worth the paper it is written on.

I do not know the names of all the officers and others involved in this effort, but please pass our thanks along.

Sincerely,



Shirley L. Phelps-Roper
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